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NO SHIPS ARE HELD FOR FOOD CARGOES

R. R. Administration Announces All Grain Offered for Shipment Is Promptly Moved.

NOW READY TO EXECUTE MR. HOOVER'S PROGRAM

Statement Issued Relative to Warn-

ing of an Impending Famine

in the East. No ships now are being held up at Atlantic ports awaiting consignments of food for shipment to this country's

allies. In fact, food is waiting, in some cases, for ships to transport it. indicate specified amounts of food he wants transported either to the seatime, the railroad administration will undertake to carry out his program.

All grain offered for shipment is being moved, but farmers are alleged to be holding back grain, waiting for the outcome of price-fixing legislation now pending, and Director General McAdoo because were taken steps to urge that grain

ending, and Director General McAdoo has even taken steps to urge that grain be put on the markets.

These were statements made today by Micials of the railroad administration, ollowing the warning of Herbert C. Hoover that a food famine impends in astern states and that food needs of the lilies are not being met.

Desire No Controversy. Director General McAdoo and other offi-als of the railroad administration made emphatic that they desire to enter into controversy with Mr. Hoover. No unter statement will be issued. No ef-rt will be made to controvert Mr. power's statements regarding the impend-er food shortage.

What the Report Shows.

e food administrator. Of course, with ore ships available this situation overcomes ould be relieved.

Exact Figures Available.

Exact figures are available at the ilroad administration of the grain in railroad administration of the grain in elevators at primary markets for the weeks ending February 2, 9 and 16. For the week ending February 2 there were 5,425,000 bushels of wheat. 3,534,000 bushels of corn and 10,853,000 bushels of coats, a total of 19,964,000 bushels of these grains in elevators at primary barkets. By the end of February 9 the total at such elevators had been worth up to 21,905,000 bushels, and February 16 the total was 22,397,000 bushels, and February 16 the total was 22,397,000 bushels.

ock and Perishables Forwarded. From February 10 to 21, 9,313 cars of From February 10 to 21, 9,313 cars of live stock and perishables were forwarded east from Chicago. From February 12 to 19 there were 1,360 special food trains from Chicago and east St. Louis en route to New York, Philadelphia and Boston for export.

Grain receipts, in bushels, in the western district, primary markets, from February 11 to 20, inclusive, were: Corn. 17,361,000; oats, 9,329,000, and wheat, 1,466,000 making a grand total of 28,-155,000 bushels.

A statement of grains loaded from

GUILTY OF OPPOSING DRAFT.

Four Socialists at Seattle, Who Distributed Literature, Involved. SEATTLE, Wash., February 22 .- A rerdist of guilty was returned by a angle verdist of guilty was returned by a jury in United States district court here late last night in the cases of Hulet M. Wells, Joe Pass, Morris Pass and Sam Sadler, socialists, charged with compring to block the operation of the selective service act by distributing anti-draft literature.

Wells and Sadler were tried last the selective service act by distributing anti-draft literature.

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The Pass brothers were arrested in October and the cases combined with the other two.

TO REQUISITION SALMON.

U. S. to Take Possession of Unsold Stock to Supply Army.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., February 22 .-E. B. Deming, salmon administrator for the federal government, has nounced that by order of the food administrator all of the unsold salmon stock in the United States will be requisitioned for the United States Army. esal of all unsold salmon have been ent to the different packers.

Tomorrow Is Porkless Saturday

GUNS ENOUGH MONTHLY TO ARM 14 DIVISIONS

NATLANTIC PORTS. Factories Producing and Delivering to Arsenals Standardized Enfield Rifles in Quantities Sufficient to Threaten Storage Facilities.

Modified Enfield rifles in numbers sufficient to arm fourteen rmy divisions each month are now being delivered to government rsenals, according to statements of the ordnance department. These new rifles are completely standardized, and all parts are interchange-

able. Among the concerns making the rifles are the Eddystone Company, Chester, Del.; the Remington Arms Company, with plants at Bridgeport, Conn.; Hoboken, N. J.; Swanton, Vt., and Ilion, N. Y., and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Conn.

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"Less than a month ago," said an officer of the ordnance department, "the Senate military affairs committee was asking how great the shortage of rifles for the Army was as regards camps and cantonments. Now the arsenais and factories of the country are giving the answer by sending rifles to the government at the rate of more than 250,000 a month, and they are at least as good as any military rifles in the world.

When the United States entered the war the arms manufacturing companies mentioned above were manufacturing Enfield rifles for the British government at the rate of 8,000 a day. If was expected the ordnance department would take over these plants for government use as soon as the foreign contracts were filled, and considerable adverse criticism of the War Department followed its failure to take prompt advantage of the opportunity to obtain this supply of rifles for use in the training camps. The department, however, had in mind that it was botter to adopt a modification of the rifle ter to adopt a modification of the rifle term to rifle th

Rate Increase Question.

by recommendation of Secretary McAdoo

charged for gas and telephone service

Although convinced by evidence submitted that the Washington Gas Light Company is operating at a .loss, the commission, it is understood, had arrived at the conclusion that it is without authority to extend relief until the valuation it established for the com-

pany has been acquiesced in by the company or upheld by a court decision.

tion of the rate cases from a new

Will Overcome Objections.

The theory was advanced by many

will be sufficient to overcome any ob-

ection such as the one confronting the

Defeat Senate Appointment Bill.

MADISON, Wis., February 22.-A mean

ure empowering Gov. Philipp to appoint a United States senator to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator Paul O. Husting was defeated in the senate yesterday, 27 to 3. In the assembly a resolution favoring a special election for United States senator was adopted, 50 to 18.

in the National Capital.

and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Conn.

Further, the ordnance department, according to the statement of officials, has accumulated a reserve of more than 100,000 of the new rifles, and this reserve, with the supply now flowing into the arsenals and warehouses, threatens to swamp storage facilities.

The combined output of the arms manufacturing establishments now turning out the modified Enfields for the United States Army is in excess of 250,000 completed rifles a month, and this output is now being delivered to the ordnance department as rapidly as it can be shipped and received.

The United States Army division includes about 45,000 men and officers, but it is stated only about 18,000 to time.

All Difficulties Overcome.

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Decision of President May Capture of War Material by Settle Electric and Phone Germany Not Considered of Great Importance.

OBJECTIONS REPORT BY GEN. JUDSON

President Wilson's decision, supported to help public utilities throughout the country that have been hard hit by war costs today was regarded as practically certain of changing the complexion of the problem facing the District Pubit shall permit higher rates to be

the ammunition supply captured with

Observers, both here and in Russia, t is understood, are satisfied that as he German drive continues it will meet

But for the fact that the company has appealed from this valuation the commission, it is stated, would favor an increase in the present 75-cent gas rate established by Congress.

Situation Changed Overnight.

There is manifested in local business and financial circles today a general inclination to the view that whatever the commission may tentatively have decided as to its right to change gas rates in view of the legal technicalities involved, the situation has been involved the best of from situation would recuit. The turn of events in Russia, in the view here, swings upon the object of the German high command in renewing operations. The turn of events in Russia, in the view here, swings upon the object of the German high command in renewing operations. The turn of events in Russia, in the view here with the situation has been involved the situati

particularly in Austria.

PERELESS TO BE HEARD.

Senate Committee on Military Aftoday that, if the administration regards the extending of relief to public fairs to Call Former Captain. utilities as a war measure in the in-terest of the nation, this consideration

The Senate committee on military affairs today determined to call before it former Capt. A. E. Pereless, formerly District commission, where it appears of the Quartermaster Corps, who was there may be a doubt as to the commission's legal right to act.

How far this policy may operate in the case of the telephone company is problematical, for the reason that all evidence in this case is not in and the commission is not yet in a position to pany contract. The contract for this company was canceled after investigation made by Capt. Pereless.

evidence in this case is not in and the commission is not yet in a position to determine what relief, if any, should be afforded. It is expected, however, that the taking of testimony bearing on the telephone company's application for authority to abolish flat rates and increase the charges for certain other schedules will be concluded Saturday. There is a possibility that the gas decision may be announced next week, but a _werdict as to telephone rates hardly can be reached, it is believed, under ten days or two weeks. NINE OF FAMILY DIE IN FIRE. Husband, Wife and Seven Children

Victims When Home Burns. PEABODY, Mass., February 22.-Nine persons, all members of the family of Morris Miller, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Miller home near here early today. Reuben Miller, a boy here early today. Reuben Miller, a boy of nineteen, who was employed on a neighboring farm, was the only member of the family who escaped.

The blaze was discovered by a neighbor and when firemen arrived the house was in ruins. Miller, his wife and seven children, ranging in age from twenty years to a baby girl of two months, fell victims to the flames.



DEALT HARD BLOW

War Finance Bill to Govern Securities Issues in Excess of \$100,000.

from the pockets of those avaricious corporation bill becomes law.

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The American general staff is watching the new German sweep into Russia with little more than academic interest, quite convinced that Russia is no longer a military factor to be considered and that the situation has little bearing, for the present at least, upon the other battle fronts.

Large captures of military stores bear little relation to the equipment of troops on the Italian or west fronts, officers here say, as the guns and rifes captured can be of use only as long as the ammunition supply captured with them holds out the part of the provision of Private Enterprises.

In the provision of the bill as originally drawn is brief but very emphatic. It is:

"No person, firm, corporation or association shall sell or offer for sale or subscription any issue, or any part of any issue, of securities hereafter issued, the par or face value of which shall be in excess of \$100,000, except in accordance with such rules and regulations as the corporation, with approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall prescribe, nor when required by such rules and regulations as the corporation."

ONLY ONE DAY'S SUPPLY

OF HARD COAL IN CITY to the lose of the Union army at Winchester, Va., on April 22, 1865. At the close of the war he came to Washington and was arrested by fed-newer profitable efforts, left or a brief period. He spent several years after the war in Texas, but soon represents the provision of the bill as originally drawn is brief but very emphatic. It is:

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OF HARD COAL IN CITY

Control of Private Enterprises.

This is the most drastic and compre hensive effort at government control of private enterprise ever undertaken in this country, in the opinion of legis-lators who are working on perfecting the bill, but the authority to apply it is to be granted as an emergency of Under an amendment proposed by the

War Finance Corporation.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA THREATENS ABSOLUTISM

Socialists Convoke Mass Meetings to Support Demands for Peace With United States.

By the Associated Press.

AMSTERDAM, February 22.—The Austrian socialists have convoked mass

xpressions. The premier was audible only to those Caech protests are loud against the dvance of the German troops in Rus-

MOSBY RAIDER, DEAD

Body of Veteran to Lie in State at Confederate Memorial

Col. John T. Callaghan, Confederate veteran and life-long resident of the District, died yesterday afternoon at his home, in the Cumberland apartment

The body will lie in state in Con federate Memorial Hall from 10 o'clock Sunday morning until 9 o'clock Mon-

Under this proposed new law the War his own command, he attached himself to the command of Col. John S. Mosby.

Snowstorm Viewed With Apprehension by Fuel Administrator

With another snowstorm, containing the possibility of interrupted railroad Senate committee on finance, this vast traffic, Washington today is taking power of licensing is to be vested in stock of its coal supplies. As a result members of the board, to be known as week, it was estimated at the office of the capital issues committee of the Fuel Administrator Weaver, there has been accumulated a surplus of about 3,000 tons of anthracite, a little more than one day's consumption.

This is more of a margin than there has been at any time since the coal shortage became acute, but it is entirely too narrow for comfort. It would tide the city over a considerable period unless there should be a complete stop page of transportation, but the return page of transportation, but the return of snow is viewed with apprehension. A saving feature is that the snow has not been accompanied by a return of extremely cold weather.

Mr. Weaver was basing hope this morning on the chance that the snow will not be sufficiently heavy to cripple the railroads.

There is no serious apprehension over the supplies of soft coal, though stocks in the city are not sufficient to insure against prolonged interruption of traffic.

Austrian socialists have convoked mass meetings to support their demand that direct peace negotiations shall be opened with the United States.

The Austrian emperor has warned the leaders of the different parliamentary parties that he will prorogue the reichsrath and govern the country by absolute methods if a majority is not secured for the provisional budget.

Wild scenes in the reichsrath Tuesday on the occasion of Premier von Seydler's speech are described in a Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung. The Czechs and Slavs at one point ostentatiously quitted the house and during the greater part of the premier's speech maintained a continuous din. There were shouts of "Lies! Treachery! Tell them that in Berlin!" and similar expressions.

The premier was audible only to those

Recovering From Appendicitis. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee, who under-went an operagion for appendicitis at Providence Hospital, today continued to

estine City After Meeting Little Opposition.

LONDON, February 22.—The British have captured Jericho, in Palestine, the war office reports. The city was entered by Australian

will be in the Confederate section of tralians established themselves on the Arlington cemetery. Camp 171, United line of the Jordan and the Wadi Auja Confederate Veterans, will hald mems. The official atstantat aspects the con-orial exercises over the body at their tinuation of bad weather. North and northwest of the beauties the British ad-vanced positions were extended slightly and rendered secure. During the fight-

ily, striking out to the north and easi Official statements from London in th shops, with about 300 inhabitants.

Its chief strategic value lies in the fact that it gives the British domination of the valley of Jordan and also control of a network of highways radiating from the town. A further advance eastward of 2 enty-five miles, however, would take the British to the railway from Damascus to Mecca, which would cut off the Turks' line of communication with Arabia and greatly assist the revolting Arab tribes which are co-operating with the British. Jericho is near the northern extremity of the Dead sea, fourteen miles northeast of Jerusalem.

The ancient Jericho, which was situated to the west of the modern Jericho, was a town of considerable size. It was the first Canaanite city to be reduced by the Israelites, who, the biblical story relates, encompassed its destruction by the blowing of trumpets.

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The bolshevik capitulation to a German defense of the revolution against Germany, the council of commissioners says:

"The socialist fatherland is in danger. In order to save the country in its exhaustion from further trials of war resigned ourselves to making immense sacrifices. Our delegates, on February 20, left Regitsky for Dvinsk, but up to the present no news from them has been received."

After stating that it is the duty of workmen and peasants to defend the republic to the death, the appeal continues:

"German militarism wishes to smother the working classes and the Ukraler the wo

morrow-Greatly Interested

in Aeronautics. Senator Harry New of Indiana, to

norrow will take a trip in the aeroplane of Lieut. Col. C. L. Lee of the British Royal Flying Corps, according s a member of the Senate military affairs committee, is greatly interested in aeronautics. He is the first of the senators to take a flight with the daring British aviator. Representative Overmyer of Ohio "went up" with Col. Lee several days ago.

Newly Enfranchised Voters Will Elect Congressman in March. NEW YORK, February 22.-Women

Dr. Turnbull, Eye Expert, Dies.

Australian Troops Enter Pal-

Push Ahead Steadily.

Since the capture of Jerusalem th the Turks, the capture of Jericho is of little significance. It consists merely of a group of squalid hovels and a few shops, with about 300 inhabitants.

Plans to "Go Up" With Col. Lee To-

NEW YORK WOMEN REGISTER.

woman to enroll with the party of her choice. The city suffrage party is a non-partisan organization. A strict interpretation of the law, according to election board officials, requires that the women must give their ages, but no special instructions covering this point have been forwarded to the registration board.

Include: Including the multiple of the supply of munitions to the revolutionists. The marine detachments at Abo, Finland, and the Aland Islands demand their immediate discharge, the dispatch adds, and the majority of the crews at Heisingfors oppose any active defense.

PHHIADELPHIA, February 22.—Dr. Charles S. Turnbull, a noted specialist on diseases of the eye, has died at his home here. He was seventy years old.

'DEFENSE TO DEATH" BOLSHEVIK ORDER AS GERMANS GAIN

All Russians Summoned to Battle Invaders---Disorganized Slav Navy Now Imperiled.

TEUTON ARMIES CUT SWATH OVER WHOLE EASTERN FRONT

Kaiser's Warships Invest Reval-Troops Capture Minsk. Ukrainians Aiding Invaders-Trotzky May Resign Post.

The bolshevik government again has changed its tactics and ordered that opposition be given to the German army now sweeping eastward into the heart of Great Russia. All Russians are summoned to the defense of their country in a proclamation signed by Premier Lenine and Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-chief of the bolshevik armies. Petrograd has been declared to be in a state of siege.

As the German army advances the German navy is aiding in the campaign against Esthonia and Petrograd by investing Reval, the second in importance of the naval bases on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland. German troops have been landed there and forty-five German warships are nearing the harbor. The Russian navy, however, probably will offer little resistance.

In taking Minsk and Rovno and in pushing their campaign swiftly on other sections of the long front the Germans had captured large quantities of war material, including more than 1,300 guns and 9,000 prisoners. From Leal, in Esthonia, the Russian province on the south shore

of the Gulf of Finland, on the north to Rovno, part of the famous

triangle of fortresses which stood as a Muscovite bulwark in the early days of the war, on the south, the Germans are still advancing. The Teutons' forward movement has taken the form of a cresent, with its convex face toward the heart of Russia. Minsk, which was occupied Wednesday by German troops, according to an offi-

ial report from Berlin, is at the extreme eastern curve of the wave.

"Defense to the Beath."

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, February 22.—"Defense to the death against Germany" is ordered in the proclamattion of the Russian commissioners, Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs. The commissioners appeal to the soldiers to destroy allways and provisions and compel the bourgeoise to dig trenches under pendity of death.

The commissioners' appeal to the country also intimates that the Germany is not believed to be great. A Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post says that there is only one division of cavalry and one division of infantry.

Germany's ultimate objective, of course, can only be speculated upon, but, according to the correspondent, there is nothing whatever to prevent them from reaching the terograd and Kiev. The republic is railways and provisions and compel the

alty of death. Petrograd and Riev. The republic in the gravest danger. The duty of Russian workmen and peasants is defense to the death of the republic against the masses of bourgeoisle and imperialists of Germany."

Several Points Urged.

Following are the points urged in the appeal:

"First—All the forces in the country in their entirety must place themselves at the service of the defense of the revolution.

"Second—All the council of workmen's and soldiers' revolutionary organizations must enter into the compulsory defense of each position to the last drop of their blood."

An Exchange telegraph dispatch from Petrograd says the evacuation of Finland has been ordered by the commissioners.

Joined by Ukrainians.

Austrian and German troops are advancing in the south simultaneously with the Germans in the north and Ukrainian troops are reported to have joined them against the bolsheviki, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post. The Polish legions of the Russian army have offered an armistice in the prevailing civil war on condition of free passage in any direction, and are now trying to reach Warsaw.

Russ Navy Disorganized.

NEW YORK, February 22.—Women enfranchised at the November election today are exercising their first rights as voters by registering for a special election on March 5 in four congressional districts of the city. The registration will continue tomorrow. Two of the districts are in Brooklyn, and one each in Manhattan and the Bronx. In each there is a vacancy, caused by the resignation of a democratic congressman.

Women working under the direction of election district captains of the city suffrage party have been assigned to each registration precinct, to urge every woman to enroll with the party of her choice. The city suffrage party is a non-partisan organization in the Russian navy has reached an extreme point and there is no likelihood of any order being obeyed, according to an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Petrograd. The naval authorities at Reval report that in order to save the Russian navy from the hands of the Germans it will be necessary to remove the ships at Reval and Helsingfors to Kronstadt. This, however, is believed to be impossible owing to their disuse. Up to this time only submarines have been removed from these ports. The question has arisen whether to destroy the ships in Helsingfors. It is also suggested to intern them in Finland as a free and neutral state, acknowledgment of Finnish neutrality having been made by the bolsheviki. The bolsheviki are willing to withdraw Disorganization in the Russian navy

Germans Not Opposed.

As to the decision to surrender to the Germans, accounts differ. Some say that Premier Lenine, and others that Foreign Minister Trotzky, was responsible for the capitulation. The correspondent of the Daily News, who has been in close relations with the bolshewiki, says that at the meeting of the council of people's commissaries which voted on the question Trotzky, who had been in favor of fighting to the last, unexpectedly went to the other side. This caused indignation in his party and he probably will resign. The change in the bolshewik policy to one of surrender surprised both their emples and friends and threw their supporters into confusion. The foreign embassies, according to the Times, knew nothing of the bolshewik capitulation until Tuesday night. Whatever happens, it is regarded as probable that the Germans will stiffen the peace terms offered at Brest-Litovsk. Although the delegates sent by the president commissioners to inform the

allies.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail describes the attitude of the people as mostly one of apathy and fatalism. He says that a majority would welcome the arrival of the Germans in the hope that they would restore order, the feeling being that anything is better than the present condition.

Trotzky May Resign.

moralization of the Russian soldiers is so-complete that orders to resist the in-vasion are impossible of execution. More-over, the enemy could easily reduce the capital to famine, which already is closing its grip on the people.

Although the delegates sent by the Russian commissioners to inform the Although the delegates sent by the Russian commissioners to inform the Germans officially of Russia's capitulation departed for Dvinsk on Wednesday, no news has been received from them, says an announcement made by the commissioners, as forwarded in a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. The announcement adds:

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announcement adds: "It seems that the German government is putting off its reply, and evidently is refusing peace and carrying out the wishes of the capitalists of all countries." Attitude of Embassies.

The allied embassies in Petrograd, ac-The allied embassies in Petrograd, according to a dispatch from the Russian capital to the Morning Post dated Monday, have been besieged by anxious inquirers, who have been assured that as far as is known at present the embassies will quit the city if the Germans come, but not otherwise. The allies, it is added, have no intention of abandoning their once greatest ally. The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent, telegraphing Wednesday afternoon, says that the latest developments there have made impossible measures of assistance which the allies were preparing to give Russia in her fight against the enemy.

Called to Besist Advance

The German advance into Russia is not the march of a conqueror, for nowhere by the Associated Press.

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PETROGRAD, Thursday, midnight, serieus opposition. The comparatively February 21.—A proclamation erdering.